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Serial No. 09/151,222)
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For: MANHOLE DEVICE)

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IN THE WRITTEN DESCRIPTION

Please delete the title at page 1, line 1, and substitute therefor the following title:

--MANHOLE DEVICE--

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This application is a divisional of co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/151,222 filed September 10, 1998, which is incorporated herein in its entirety.--

IN THE CLAIMS

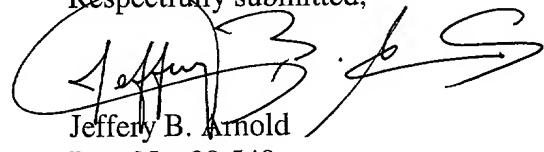
Please cancel Claims 1-44 and 49-52.

REMARKS

Status of the Claims

Claims 45-48 are pending in the application.

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